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18. (Amended) In the device in accordance with claim 1, wherein a workpiece (14) to be printed on is placed on a conductive plate (15) and a prestress (16) is applied to the conductive plate (15) and an electrostatic doctor blade device (12) which is changed by a regulating device (17) for adjusting the toner release (19).

19. (Amended) In the device in accordance with claim 18, wherein the workpiece (14) is moved synchronously with a speed of rotation of a roller of a transfer unit (20) and the transfer unit (20) is mounted in a support frame (4).

There is no additional fee for this Amendment because the total number of claims and the total number of independent claims remain unchanged.

#### **REMARKS**

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this Patent Application, particularly in view of the above Amendment and the following remarks.

#### **Request for Telephone Interview**

Applicants kindly request the Examiner to contact the undersigned, to schedule a telephone interview to discuss the merits of this Patent Application.

### **Amendment to Claims**

Applicants have amended Claim 1 by separately identifying the conveying unit (2) and the centering unit (3). This Amendment is fully supported in the Specification at Page 6, lines 7-12. Applicants have further amended Claim 1 to recite an *electrostatic or electrographic printing device*, to clarify that particular phrase of Claim 1.

Applicants have thoroughly reviewed all remaining claim language and have further amended Claims 2-4, 8-10, 12, 13 and 17-19 to form proper antecedent bases, to consistently name the elements and to clarify the claim language.

Applicants have amended Claims 8-10 and 17-19, in the event that there is an allowable generic claim.

The above Amendment adds no new matter to this Patent Application.

### **Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §112**

Claims 1-7 and 12-16 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention.

Applicants have amended Claim 1, as well as Claims 2-4, 8-10, 12, 13 and 17-19 to address each issue raised by the Examiner in the paragraph spanning Pages 2 and 3 of the Office Action.

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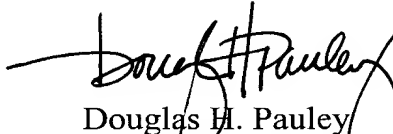
Applicants also direct the Examiner's attention to Page 6, lines 7-12 of the Specification, which explains the purpose of the conveying unit (2) and the centering unit (3).

Applicants believe that the above Amendment addresses each issue and overcomes each rejection of Claims 1-7 and 12-16.

### **Conclusion**

Applicants believe that the above Amendment addresses each issue and overcomes each rejection. Applicants believe that this Patent Application is now in condition for allowance and early allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**

**In the Claims:**

1. (Amended) In a device for printing on a paper or a plate-shaped material, including a plate made of a glass, a ceramic, a glass-ceramic or a plastic material, having a transport device for the plate to be printed on and [one of] having an electrostatic [and an] or electrographic printing device arranged above the transport device, the improvement comprising:

a conveying unit (2) integrated with a [and] centering unit [(2, 3)] (3) of a screen-printing device (SDE) to form [combined as] a transport device with the [one of the] electrostatic [and the] or electrographic printing device (EDE).

2. (Amended) In the device in accordance with claim 1, wherein the [one of the] electrostatic [and the] or electrographic printing device (EDE) [and an upper unit (OW) of the screen-printing device (SDE)] is one of vertically lifted off and tilted up from an end, with respect to the conveying unit (2) and the centering unit (3) [(2, 3) and tilted up from one end].

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3. (Amended) In the device in accordance with claim 2, wherein the [one of the] electrostatic [and the] ~~or~~ electrographic printing device (EDE) is arranged in a support frame (4).

4. (Amended) In the device in accordance with claim 3, wherein the electrostatic ~~or electrographic~~ printing device (EDE) has an endless belt (8) guided over two rollers (9) and the endless belt (8) is tensed, an electrostatic pushbutton with an optical photoconductor roller (10) and a developing unit (11) is arranged above an upper run of the endless belt (8), and on a side of a lower run of the endless belt (8) facing away from the conveying unit (2) and the centering unit [(2, 3)] (3) a toner can be transferred by a linearly guided electrostatic doctor blade unit (12) from the endless belt (8) to a workpiece (14) to be printed.

8. (Amended) In the device in accordance with claim 7, wherein the electrostatic doctor blade device (12) comprises a roller which presses the endless belt (8) from the side facing away from the workpiece (14) to be printed on against the workpiece (14).

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9. (Amended) In the device in accordance with claim 6, wherein the workpiece (14) to be printed on is placed on a conductive plate (15) and a prestress (16) is applied to the conductive plate (15) and the electrostatic doctor blade device (12) which is changed by a regulating device (17) for adjusting [the] a toner release (19).

10. (Amended) In the device in accordance with claim 9, wherein the workpiece (14) is moved synchronously with a speed of rotation of the roller of [the] a transfer unit (20) and the transfer unit (20) is mounted in the support frame (4).

12. (Amended) In the device in accordance with claim 1, wherein the [one of the] electrostatic [and the] ~~or~~ electrographic printing device (EDE) is arranged in a support frame (4).

13. (Amended) In the device in accordance with claim 1, wherein the electrostatic ~~or electrographic~~ printing device (EDE) has an endless belt (8) guided over two rollers (9) and the endless belt (8) is tensed, an electrostatic pushbutton with an optical photoconductor roller (10) and a developing unit (11) is arranged above an upper run of the endless belt (8), and on a side of a lower run of the endless belt (8) facing away from the conveying ~~unit~~ (2) and ~~the~~ centering unit [(2, 3)] (3) a toner can

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be transferred by a linearly guided electrostatic doctor blade unit (12) from the endless belt (8) to a workpiece (14) to be printed.

17. (Amended) In the device in accordance with claim 4, wherein the electrostatic doctor blade device (12) comprises a roller which presses the endless belt (8) from the side facing away from the workpiece (14) to be printed on against the workpiece (14).

18. (Amended) In the device in accordance with claim 1, wherein a workpiece (14) to be printed on is placed on a conductive plate (15) and a prestress (16) is applied to the conductive plate (15) and [the] an electrostatic doctor blade device (12) which is changed by a regulating device (17) for adjusting the toner release (19).

19. (Amended) In the device in accordance with claim 18, wherein the workpiece (14) is moved synchronously with a speed of rotation of [the] a roller of [the] a transfer unit (20) and the transfer unit (20) is mounted in [the] a support frame (4).